

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

“Memorial Service for Holden Massachusetts Police Chief Robert Mortell” February 1, 2004 marks the ten-year anniversary date of the murder of Police Chief Robert Mortell. To celebrate his life and legacy there will be a short memorial service on Route 31 to remember that tragic day of February 1, 1994. The ceremony will begin promptly at 11:30 AM. The ceremony will feature the unveiling by his family of a new roadside memorial sign to mark the spot where his life ended. Route 31 traffic will be detoured to thru traffic from 11:00-12:00 Noon. Traffic detail officers will assist attendees that wish to park near the ceremony site. A reception and light lunch for those that wish to attend will follow at Anna Maria College in Paxton. For additional information and directions please go to <http://www.holdenpd.com>. Please confirm your intent to attend with Chief George Sherrill or Secretary Marie Carlson at 508-829-4444.

“MassCALL 2004 Training Series” (www.masscall.org). MassCALL (Massachusetts Collaborative for Action, Leadership, and Learning) is a four-year effort funded by the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. MassCALL supports communities that implement proven, scientifically evaluated programs to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among youth.

An Introduction to the Youth Development Approach: Principles and Practices will be held on **Tuesday, Feb 10, 2004**, 9:15 a.m. -3:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Worcester, Massachusetts.
Presenter: Scott Hubbard, M.Ed. Western MA BEST

Youth Adult Collaboration: Integrating Youth Development into Your Work will be held on **Wednesday, Feb 25, 2004**, 9:15 a.m. -4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Worcester Massachusetts.
Presenter: Laurie Jo Wallace, Director, Youth Development & Training, The Medical Foundation.

The registration fee is \$15 and scholarships are available. To register contact Akosua Sackey at 617 423 4337x500 or asackey@tmfnet.org.

The Seventh Annual International Crime Mapping Research Conference will be held **March 31-April 3, 2004** at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers in Boston, Massachusetts. Pre-conference training sessions will be held March 29-30, 2004. Online registration is available at <http://www.nijpcs.org/upcoming.htm>. The registration fee is \$150 before February 27, 2004, and \$175 after that date. For additional information, please contact the Institute for Law and Justice at nijpcs@ilj.org or 703-684-5300.

Funding Opportunities

To date, approximately 500 local police agencies, district attorneys' offices, sheriffs' departments, state agency representatives and private sector employees receive the EOPS Programs Division Newsletter. In an effort to provide timely and relevant funding information for the multitude of subscribers, the Funding Opportunities section has been expanded and is attached to the newsletter. If you have problems opening the attachment, please e-mail Patricia Bergin at patricia.bergin@state.ma.us.

Research and Statistics

“Stalking” Nearly one in 12 women and one in 45 men are stalked at least once in their lifetime. Nearly 60% of female victims and 30% of male victims are stalked by current or former intimate partners. In over 75% of completed and attempted female homicides by intimates, the offenders stalked the victims in the year before the offense. This report examines the problem of stalking and the factors that contribute to it,

reviews responses to the problem, and what is known about them from evaluative research and police practice. <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1042>

“Juvenile Arrests 2001” Juveniles were involved in 10% of murder arrests, 14% of aggravated assault arrests, 31% of burglary arrests, 24% of robbery arrests, and 23% of weapons arrests in 2001. The number of juvenile arrests in 2001 was 4% below the 2000 level and 20% below the 1997 level. Although the juvenile arrest rate for aggravated assault fell 33% between 1994 and 2001, the 2001 rate was still 37% above the 1980 level. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/201370.pdf>

“7th Annual Report Card – Keeping Kids Safe From Gun Violence” Massachusetts gun laws again received an A- because it has better-than-average laws to protect children from gun violence. Massachusetts prohibits anyone under age 21 from buying or possessing a handgun, holds adults responsible for leaving loaded guns around children, requires child-safety locks to be sold with guns and bans Saturday night specials and assault weapons. The state also requires handguns to either have a loaded chamber indicator or a magazine safety disconnect to prevent accidental shootings. Despite these regulations, in 2001, Massachusetts lost 24 children and teenagers to gun violence. In contrast, 31 states received grades of D or F in this year's report card as many of these states have child and teen firearm death rates that are higher than the national average. The average firearms death rate of youth in the eight states that received an F grade was 33% higher than the average firearms death rate for the 10 states that received an A or a B. <http://www.bradycampaign.org/>

“Criminal Victimization in the United States 2002--Statistical Tables” The Bureau of Justice Statistics has updated 110 statistical tables that are released annually and present detailed data on major variables measured by the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cvusst.htm>

“HIV in Prisons, 2001” Between 2000 and 2001 the number of HIV-positive prisoners decreased about 5%, while the overall prison population grew 1.1% over the same period. At yearend 2001, 3.2% of all female State prison inmates were HIV positive, compared to 2.0% of males. Between 1995 and 2001, the number of AIDS-related deaths in State prisons decreased 75%. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/hivp01.pdf>

Resources

“Tips for Teens: The Truth About Inhalants” This web site provides relevant facts about substance abuse, offering vital statistics, answers to frequently asked questions, and website addresses and toll-free numbers so teens can get information. <http://www.health.org/govpubs/phd631/>

“Evaluation: A Tool for Program Improvement” The Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center's online tutorial is available at: <http://www.jrsa.org/jjec/about/jjec-pubs.html#tutorial>.

“Identifying and Implementing Educational Practices Supported by Rigorous Evidence: A User Friendly Guide”

Targeted to practitioners, this is an easy to read publication on how to identify whether a program evaluation was designed well and, subsequently, whether the program should be considered for further implementation. Though targeted to individuals in the education field, practitioners in juvenile justice may find it useful as well.

<http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/research/pubs/rigorousavid/rigorousavid.pdf>.

The electronic version of **Criminal Victimization in the United States 2002--Statistical Tables** are available at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cvusst.htm> and has 110 statistical tables on major variables measured by the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS).

“Information Systems Technology Enhancement Project: ISTEP II Case Studies” This series of case studies continues the work started in the original Information Systems Technology Enhancement Project. Each case study examines the uses of information technology and its application to community policing in America. It documents the information technology planning and acquisition processes, while contrasting the various applications of the technology to community policing in four police organizations.

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1039>

“Making the Match: Law Enforcement, the Faith Community and the Value-Based Initiative” COPS began its Value-Based Initiative program in 2000, awarding grants to law enforcement agencies to partner with faith-based and other community organizations. This publication provides an in-depth look at how some of the partnerships those grants funded have come together, the challenges they have met, and the successes they have enjoyed. <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1041>

“State Legislative Approaches to Funding for Victims’ Services” This bulletin provides an overview of relevant State laws and describes State legislative approaches used in recent years to create sources of funding for crime victim assistance.
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/legalseries/bulletin9/ncj199477.pdf>

“2004 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Resource Guide” This guide was developed to help communities promote awareness of victim issues all year long. New resources added to the 2004 guide include guidelines for a student poster/essay contest, a DVD highlighting the National Crime Victims’ Rights Week theme, and camera-ready art files on CD-ROM.
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/2004/pdf/full_guide.pdf

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